

Icelandic contractor was afforded a grip on projects with Office 365



Office 365 is the best foundation, bar none, for building critical work processes in the cloud to the contractor Borgarverk. Old file folders and Dropbox were thrown on the wayside. WorkPoint 365 transforms Office 365 into an efficient project management tool

Everything was stored in file folders on a server or in Dropbox when the Icelandic contractor Borgarverk recently chose to take advantage of the Office 365 platform and expand on it with an application for project management in the cloud.

"We have three offices and work on an array of projects several places in Iceland. Because of this, we were in need of a single system for project management. To us, the WorkPoint Project Management tool was absolutely the right choice. It is far easier today to maintain and update critical information for the right people during the entire project process," says CEO, Borgarverk, Óskar Sigvaldason.

In the cloud with Office 365

In 2014, Borgarverk chose Office 365, enabling them to take full advantage of the Office suite in the cloud. The contractor suffered from employees running both older and newer Office suites, creating a vast array of problems every day, since many documents could not be opened by a given employee. Simultaneously, Borgarverk had to choose between investing in new servers or go the whole hog and choose a cloud solution. When the investment was pitted against the return, the decision was straightforward.

Challenge

Borgarverk already had Office 365, but needed a single solution for project and document management. In lieu of such a system, the company made use of file folders on a server as well as Dropbox. The old solution made it difficult to manage projects and delayed the work processes.

Process

When presented with WorkPoint 365, Óskar Sigvaldason did not hesitate. "We did not have the resources to investigate the various solutions in depth. But we had so much confidence and trust in Spektra, who was very good at guiding us in the right direction throughout the process."

Solution

By implementing WorkPoint 365, Borgarverk has achieved an optimum project management system used for archival of documents, drawings, contracts, and more, as well as managing of projects. WorkPoint 365 fully utilises SharePoint as a knowledge-sharing platform, and ensures easy and swift integration with Outlook and the rest of the Office suite. One of the advantages of this is an efficient management of documents.

By utilising the cloud, Borgarverk has further removed the challenge of outdated software and maintenance of servers. The solution has been implemented as a standard solution with very few adaptations such as language.

"Office 365 has shown itself to be much more reliable to us than merely having Office installed on our own servers. We are now able to connect our computers regardless of our geographical whereabouts. We are always in possession of the newest Office suite, we no longer have problems connecting, we have no server downtime, and there is no need for us to install updates ourselves or maintenance. It has been a really good, practical solution for us," Óskar Sigvaldason says.

A handle on projects with WorkPoint 365

However, Office 365 did not solve Borgarverk's challenge when it came to managing projects. Óskar Sigvaldason experienced difficulties looking for information on older projects. It was too time-consuming looking documents, drawings, contracts, and the like. Being experienced when it came to SharePoint, he hesitated to go that route, as the costs would be too high, and the demands of time would be too much to build a solution from scratch.

So, when the Icelandic WorkPoint partner Spektra instead recommended WorkPoint 365 – a turnkey standard solution for project management building atop SharePoint Online in Office 365 – Óskar Sigvaldason immediately saw the potential. Within two days, Borgarverk was ready to import data into the new project management tool.

"We still have not imported and entered all the data, but we can already see how much easier it is to find the information we need on a daily basis. WorkPoint

About Borgarverk

Borgarverk is an Icelandic contractor. During the summer, the company employs more people than in the winter. A cloud solution makes it easier to set up new employees and then close down for access, because Borgarverk is able to save information in the cloud.

365 allows you to structure data into categories, which makes it much easier to structure and search on the information that is needed. On larger projects, we now are always in possession of a blueprint of the project – that is, an updated snapshot of where we are in the project, containing all new information, and we do not risk confusing the new documents with older versions. It is very impressive."

To Óskar Sigvaldason, this has already meant a huge difference when it comes to getting an overview of his company. He has gained much larger oversight of how far a project has progressed, and he is constantly able to compare the cost to the original tender.

"I do not miss anything. The system is capable of everything we need. The best part is, that WorkPoint 365 is fully integrated with Office 365. It solved all of our challenges," Óskar Sigvaldason concludes.

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